

## ABSTRACT

The e-mail system includes: a text information  
notifying unit (21) for notifying a second information  
5 terminal (40) of text information of an e-mail message; a  
sound information storing unit for storing sound information  
related to the e-mail message; and a managing unit for managing  
association between the e-mail message and its related sound  
data. With this feature, it is possible for a user to reply  
10 to an original e-mail message by voice, thereby freeing a  
user from troublesome inputting text reply. Further, upon  
receipt of such a voice reply, the sender of the original  
mail can manage the reply in association with the original  
mail. Furthermore, upon receipt of an e-mail message having  
15 information about sound information added thereto, it is  
possible to smoothly obtain the sound information.